

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. In this case, they can easily do this just by airing a pro-Kerry documentary like "Going Upriver". The one-sided, propagandistic views of these outlets like Sinclair and FOX News has to stop. There has to be standards set to hold these companies accountable for the half-truths, distortions or in some cases, flat out lies. This is not what America stands for. These tactics that are being employed by Sinclair sound like Communism to me.

When large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.